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IN RE APPLICATION OF : COFFEY, Gerald P.
TITLE : COLORIZED RUBBER AND METHOD OF
MAKING SAME
SERIAL NO. : 10/027,718
FILING DATE : December 20, 2001
ART UNIT : 1773
EXAMINER : PAULRAJ, Christopher
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of the Office Action dated January 15, 2003. The three-month period for replying to the Office Action expired on April 15, 2003. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the response time to May 15, 2003. Therefore, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

Please review the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.